(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to expedite finalization of Pharma Policy in public interest in order to bring down the prices of medicines and to stop unintended profits by pharma companies on medicines?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11.1.2007. The Cabinet has referred the Policy to Group of Ministers (GOM). The First meeting of the GOM was held on 10.4.2007. After discussions it was decided to hold further meetings.

Rail projects in Tamil Nadu

*343. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing and completed rail projects in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the dates of commencement of the projects completed so far;

(b) the pending projects of the ongoing schemes undertaken in Tamil Nadu, the total cost of the projects and the amount allocated to each of the project during the last three years, project-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the exact time by which these projects are likely to be completed and the steps taken by Government to expedite these pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) Year-wise and project-wise details of outlay provided to the ongoing and completed projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last 3 years alongwith year inclusion in the Budget, anticipated cost of the projects, sections completed during last three years and till date and targets wherever fixed are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). In order to expedite these projects a number of initiatives have been taken for generating additional resources through Public Private Partnership, Cost sharing by State Governments, Funding from Ministry of Defence and through Ministry of Finance for National Projects. Funds have also been allocated through internal resources generation to expedite completion. The ongoing projects would be completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources.

Statement

Year-wise and project-wise details of outlay provided to the ongoing and completed projects in Tamil Nadu during the last three years (2005-07)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year of inclusion in the Budget	Anticipated cost (Rs. in crore)	Approx. Exp. upto 31.03.07	Outlay during last three years and current year as per Budget (Rs. in crore)				Sections completed during. last three years and till date	Targets wherever fixed	Projects fully completed till date
					2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					New Line						
1	Karur-Salem (85 Kms)	1996-97	229.88	111.92	5.00	2.00	5.00	20.00	–	–	–
2	Bangalore-Satyamangalam (260 Kms)	1996-97	901.62	0.28	0.10	0.01	0.01	1.00	–	–	–
3	Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai (70 Kms)	2006-07	125	0	–	–	0.01	10.00	–	–	–
4	Tindivanam-Nagari (179.2 Kms.)	2006-07	456.00	0	–	–	0.01	10.00	–	–	–
					Gauge Conversion						
1	Madurai-Rameshwaram (161 Kms.)	1997-98	246.45	270.20	25.00	25.00	20.00	45.00	Madurai-Rameshwaram (161 Kms.)	Entire project commissioned	Entire project commissioned
2	Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai (150 kms)	2000-01	199.93	197.77	20.00	50.00	50.02	80.00	Tiruchchirappalli-Karaikudi (90 Kms.)	Karaikudi-Manamadurai (60 Kms) -2007-08	–

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 kms)	1997-98	697.13	318.89	21.06	31.00	50.69	90.02	Tenkasi-Sengottai (8 Kms)	Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur (61 Kms) –2007-08	–
4	Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal (156 kms) and Nagappattinam-Velankanni Tiruturaipundi (43 Kms)	1995-96	205.79	205.57	11.00	4.79	9.00	36.00	Thanjavur-Tiruvarur (54 Kms)	Tiruvarur–Nagore (30 Kms) –2007-08.	–
5	Villupuram-Katpadi (161 Kms)	2000-01	232.81	67.45	3.00	10.00	15.00	80.00	–	Vellore-Tiruvannamalai (84 Kms) –2007-08.	–
6	Thanjavur-Villupuram (192 kms)	1998-99	356.90	288.72	15.00	50.01	100	75.00	Kumbakonam-Mayiladuturai (32 Kms)	Mayiladuturai-Villupuram (122 Kms) –2007-08.	–
7	Cuddalore-Salem *via* Vridhachalam (191 Kms)	1999-2000	517.48	434.83	25.00	85.00	80.00	30.00	Salem-Vridhachalam (139 Kms)	Entire work completed	Entire work completed
8	Manamadurai-Virudhunagar (66.55 Kms)	2006-07	97.24	0.10	–	–	1.00	25.00	–	–	–
9	Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat and Pollachi-Coimbatore (224.88 Kms)	2006-07	343.17	0	–	–	1.00	30.00	–	Podanur-Coimbatore (6 Kms) –2007-08	–

10	Mayiladuturai-Tiruvarur-Karaikudi and Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli (224 Kms)	2007-08	404.19	0	–	–	–	10.00	–	–	–
11	Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati (104 Kms)	1992-93	198.9	175.18	11.89	10.00	25.00	10.00	Railway Elect. work will be completed by Nov'07.	62 RKM has been completed out of which 7 falls in Tamil Nadu.	Gauge conversion work completed in 2003.
					Doubling						
1	Attipattu-Korukkupettai (18 Kms)	1999-2000	132.03	53.77	6.00	20.00	21.00	5.00	Korukkupet-Ennore (12 Kms)	Attipattu-Ennore (6 Kms)-2007-08	–
2	Irugur-Coimbatore (17.70 Kms)	1996-97	38.66	24.27	2.00	1.00	5.00	10.00	–	2007-08	–
3	Madurai-Dindigul (62.05 Kms.)	2003-04	128.56	6.11	5.28	17.21	30.00	70.00	–	2007-08	–
4	Chennai Beach-Korukkupet 3rd line (4.1 Kms.)	2003-04	55.23	0	5.00	10.00	0.50	2.00	–	–	–
5	Chennai Beach-Attipattu 4th line (22.1 Kms)	2003-04	50.23	0	5.00	10.00	0.50	2.00	–	–	–
6	Chengalpattu-Villupuram (103 Kms)	2006-07	247.00	0	–	–	0.01	11.00	–	–	–
7	Pattabiram-Tiruvallur 4th line (15.06Kms) and Tiruvallur–Arakkona 3rd line (26.83 Kms)	2002-03	74.78	90.97	6.00	15.80	28.50	45.00	Pattabiram-Tiruvallur-4th line (16 Kms)	Tiruvallur-Arakkonam 3rd line (26 Kms) 2007-08	–

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Metropolitan Transport Project						
1	Chennai Beach-Tambaram-Chengalpattu Gauge Conversion (60 kms)	1998-99	455.24	304.22	25.00	3.03	12.00	5.98	–	Main line work has been completed.	Entire project commissioned.
2	Chennai (MRTS)-Extension from Vellacherry to St. Thomas Mount (5 kms)	2006-07	415.59	0	–	–	1.00	10.00	–	–	–
3	Thirumailai to Velacherry-MRTS Ph-II) (11.17 kms)	1996-97	733.38	685.59	10	3.39	5.56	8.00	Taramani-Velacherry (5 kms)		Entire work completed
					Railway Electrification						
1	Villupuram-Tiruchchirapalli (178 kms)	2006-07	96.66	5.00	–	–	5.00	5.00	Wiring upto Vridhachalam and energisation of Villupuram-Kandambakkonam (6 Kms)	March' 09	–
2	Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai (154 kms)	2007-08	86.33	0	–	–	–	0.25	–	XI Plan	–